Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line number 12 as with the following amended paragraph:

In recent years traditional service stations have evolved into elaborate point-of-sale (POS) facilities providing a wide variety of customer services, such as fuel ~~fuel~~ dispensing, car washing, ATM access, money order access, and credit card or debit card transactions.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line number 15 as with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with the present invention pump computers 535 can be easily added or removed from the POS to forecourt communication system without requiring the installation of additional wiring and without affecting the current communication system. For example, a new fuel dispenser containing an additional pump computer 535 can be added to the forecourt without requiring the installation of additional wiring from the POS system to the new pump computer 535. Referring now to FIG. 6, there is illustrated still another in-store to forecourt communication system 600 in accordance with yet another embodiment of the present invention. A POS system 405 including an in-store controller (not shown) is connected to a TRAC network controller 410, a pump network controller 415, and a customer access terminal (CAT) network controller 420. The TRAC network controller, such as the "WayneTRAC" controller (WTC) produced by the Wayne Division of Dresser Industries, is connected using a serial interface 623 to an RF host server 625. The "WayneTRAC" system is a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) system for use in providing payment or other customer-related information in retail fuel dispensers. The RF host server 625 communicates over wireless RF communication links ~~672a~~ 627a-627n to a number of RF host located at the forecourt. Each of the RF host clients 630a-630n are connected using serial interfaces 633a-633n to Dispenser Control Boards (DCBs) 635a-635n associated with the fuel dispenser. The DCB board 635 is typically installed in the dispenser and includes RF components to communicate with a variety of devices for customer

identification. Examples of such devices include bezel readers located on the dispenser that houses card readers or smartcard/tab transceivers, nozzle antenna readers used to receive information from transponders around the nozzle of vehicle fueling tanks to prevent refueling of the vehicle with an improper fuel type, handheld readers, or vehicle on-board systems providing odometer, vehicle ID, driver ID, fuel tank level, maintenance history, or tire pressure information.